

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**September 22, 2005**  
**150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Conference Room 540-A**

**Members Present:**

Ben Bobrow (Chairman)	Jim Flaherty
David Leinenveber	Mark Venuti
Roy Ryals	Philip Johnson
Dan Judkins	Robert Galey
Debbie Johnston	Anslem Roanhorse
Bill Ashland	Rich Thacher
Stuart Alt	

**Members Absent:**

Jeff Farkas  
Stewart Hamilton  
John Porter  
Scott Petersen  
Charles Frank Allen

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. DISCUSSION and Action January 20, 2005 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Stuart Alt and seconded by Mark Venuti to approve the minutes of April 21, 2005 and May 2, 2005 with no corrections. **Motion carried.**

**III. REPORTS**

**A. Report from the Office of the Director**

**1. Discussion on Status of Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Public Health Preparedness Services, Division of Public Health Services, and Department of Health Services**

- Gene Wikle, Bureau Chief, reported the following:
  - The state is now preparing for a possible response to hurricane Rita
  - The Governor's Office has tasked us to look for more shelters for disaster relief
  - We need to identify the availability of hospital beds and long term care beds
  - He was asked to be Incident Commander for the Department of Health Services
  - The Veteran's Memorial Coliseum evacuee's medical and behavioral needs were accommodated
  - Dave Harden is now the Bureau's Trauma Program Coordinator
  - We are in the process of hiring a Trauma Surveyor
  - The goal is to have Trauma Designation up and running in October following final approval of the rulemaking

**B. Chairman's Report**

**1. Discussion on STAB Membership**

- Members whose terms expire in January will be contacted to see if

they would like to be reappointed to the board. The Department Director appoints and reappoints members to STAB.

**2. Introduction of new STAB members**

- Ben Bobrow, Bureau Medical Director announced the names of the new members:
  - Roy Ryals, Representative from Local Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordinating Councils – Central Region
  - Jim Flaherty, M.D., Representative from a Federal Indian Health Services Organization
  - (Unable to be here today) Dennis Shelby, Representative from a statewide Rehabilitation Facility, and
  - (Unable to be here today) Ritch Steven, Representative from a National Association of Retired Persons

**C. Public Health Statistics – Trauma Registry Report**

- Georgia Yee, Office Chief, Office of Health Registries, reported:
  - Dave Harden has taken the position of Trauma Program Coordinator
  - Currently working on phase I of the data standardization project
  - Continuing conversion process with all nine hospitals
  - Submitted maps to the vendors
  - Currently working on a table that contains many data elements that should be submitted to the vendor in the next couple of weeks
  - By the end of the phase I, we should have some data we can analyze
  - Trauma One Basic training was conducted on September 7th and 8th
  - Trauma One Advance training is scheduled for September 29th and 30th at the ASU Downtown Center
  - Scottsdale Healthcare Osborne and Scottsdale Healthcare Shea are converting to Trauma One software
  - Maricopa Medical Center is converting to Trauma One
  - Currently working on a data dictionary which will be shared with all participating hospitals to use as a guidance document for each data item collected
  - Gathering information from all hospitals as to what is required by the state trauma registry

**1. Introduction of new Trauma Registry Manager**

- Georgia Yee introduced Anita Ray, the new Trauma Registry Manager to the board

**IV. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**

**A. Discussion on Attorney General's Opinion – No. 105-004(R05-010)**

- Allison Kern, Assistant Attorney General, introduced herself to the board and gave a powerpoint presentation on E-mail and the Open Meeting Law (see attached)
- A question was asked if the Open Meeting Law applies to the Regional Councils
  - Allison stated that she would look into this issue and inform the Bureau

**B. Designation Process**

- Vicki Conditt reported that the Trauma Center Designation rules are scheduled to go before the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) on October 6, 2005
- Currently working on the application forms, certificates, letters and other forms for the designation process
- In the agenda packet there is a list of the results of the survey used to determine probable participation in the Arizona Trauma System as State Designated Trauma Center

**C. Rural Trauma Assessment Report**

- Dan Judkins reported that the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman, College of Public Health, Office of Rural Health, has had an initiative to provide assistance in numerous ways to the eleven hospitals in Arizona classified as Critical Access Hospitals
  - One of the projects involved accessing and improving trauma care for remotely located hospitals
  - Southeastern Arizona Emergency Medical Services (SAEMS) was contracted to carry out some of those initiatives
  - The project developed into an educational process and an assessment of rural trauma care in specific areas
  - Hospitals in Douglas, Willcox, and Benson, and the EMS agencies that worked most closely with the hospitals, participated in a rural trauma systems assessment
  - Those reports are almost complete and will be made available to the Department of Health Services
  - Three hospitals in the northern part of the state, Ganado, Hopi, Polacca, and Winslow were included
  - The educational part of the project involved a one day trauma course in Benson and Winslow
  - Bill Ashland provided his expertise
  - Five individual self-paced learning CD programs were developed

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Trauma Center Designation Rulemaking**

- Dr. Bobrow thanked Sarah Harpring for all her hard work in the rulemaking process.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion and Action on 2006 Meeting Schedule**

A motion was made by Stuart Alt and seconded by Philip Johnson to accept the 2006 Meeting Schedule. **Motion carried.**

**B. Discussion an Action on forming a work group to see or consider options for Trauma Center Funding**

- Debbie Johnston from the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association (AzHHA) reported that in April the board discussed the potential for new funding for all levels of trauma centers. The board had asked Ms. Johnston to find out if AzHHA would be willing to spearhead this workgroup
- Debbie Johnston stated that the AzHHA's Council on Government Relations is meeting today. This is the Council that provides the Association with direction on legislative initiatives and gives input. Funding for trauma centers is scheduled for discussion at the meeting today. After the meeting, AzHHA will have a better idea of where the Association stands on pursuing trauma center funding for either this legislative session or possibly next legislative session. Ms. Johnston stated that she would report back to the Bureau.
- Susan Gerard, Director, briefly attended the meeting and was introduced by Dr. Ben Bobrow. Ms. Gerard made a few general comments concerning the growth of trauma in Arizona and the advances in the last fifteen years.

**VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one came forward.

**VIII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

- Anslem Roanhorse announced that the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Consumer Conference would be held on October 16 – 19, 2005 in Phoenix at the Hyatt Regency Hotel located across the street from Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention.

**IX. NEXT MEETING**

The next STAB meeting will be held on November 3, 2005.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board

Date: November 3, 2005